

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Lester J.

Dencker

National
Commander

C B I

Veterans

Association



As you and I read through this splendid edition of "Ex-CBI Roundup" we cannot help but reach the conclusion that every effort has been exerted to make our 1949 reunion a most successful one.

We can well realize that the building of our Association upon a nation-wide scale is no simple task. The CBIVA is what it is today only because of the enthusiastic and cooperative spirit of its members and the constructive work of all the committees which inspired your executive committee and officers throughout the past year.

It has been most gratifying to see so many respond to the call of the Association with the same vigor and unselfishness they gave our Nation during World War II, and inspiring to associate with veterans who have not lost the spark of genuine fraternalism they developed in the Orient.

Indeed, it has been a privilege and an honor to serve as your National Commander during the difficult first year of the Association's existence. I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all of our members for their interest and determination in developing CBIVA to its present force and vitality.

Sincere appreciation is due the Reunion Committee, City Officials, the Chamber of Commerce, merchants and the citizens of the Freeport area for their part in making this Reunion a most memorable event.

It is earnestly felt that with this caliber of cooperation, the CBI Veterans As-

sociation will continue to flourish and promote its unwavering principles of true Americanism throughout the land.

Salaam and Ding Hao,
LESTER J. DENCKER

A SAMPLE COPY of the "ROUNDUP" will be sent to each name on your list of correspondents if you will send it in to us (We will return your original list if you don't have time to make a copy) . . . to insure immediate delivery of the magazine, be sure we have the correct address! We think those who haven't seen the Ex-CBI ROUNDUP will enjoy this convention issue, so don't delay getting in YOUR list, while the copies last!—Editor.

Official Reunion Program

THURSDAY, AUG. 11
CBI Fun Night for early arrivals.

FRIDAY, AUG. 12
10 a.m. (CST)

Opening Session, Moose Hall, 107 E. Main St.

Organ Recital, Dolly Jones at the Organ.

Call to order by National Commander Lester J. Dencker.

Invocation: Rev. N. J. Berg.

Addresses of Welcome: Reunion Chairman, Robert C. Seitz. Welcome address, Honorable Glen Kunkle, Mayor; Milton S. Engelbrecht, Chamber of Commerce; Ralph Haack, Freeport Basha Commander.

10:30 a.m.

Reports of Committee Chairmen.

11:30 a.m.

CBI Radio Show with Dave Taylor, Station WFRL.

Noon:

Luncheon.

1 p.m.

Women's "Coffee Klatch," Station WFRL.

2 p.m.

National CBIVA Executive Committee Meeting, Moose Club.

2 p.m.

Sectional and Organizational Reunion Meetings, Moose Club.

Merrills Marauders, Ledo Road Hdq. Assn., Mars Task Force, Service Groups, Air Depots, ATC Wings, Air Force Units.

3 p.m.

CBI Movies.

3:30 p.m.

"Operation Happiness"—All U.S. Air Force Stage Show, Freeport Theater.—(Tentative.)

6:30 p.m.

Smorgasbord at Freeport Country Club.

CBI Varieties, WFRL Variety Show, Refreshments throughout the evening.

SATURDAY, AUG. 13

9 a.m.

CBIVA Business Meeting, Moose Club. CBI movies.

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The CBI and US!

By ELLSWORTH GREEN, Jr.
Vice Commander

While we were there, we cussed the filthy, stinking Orient . . . we fussed about the dirty, lying wogs . . . the garbage underfoot and holy cows always in the way . . . the beggar kids with their chant of "Baksheesh, Sahib, tume reech rajah, me poor wallah, no mama, no papa, no flight pay." We looked with disdain upon the supposedly "dumb" bazaar wallahs who were, nevertheless, smart enough to sell us junk at high prices.

We called America "Shangri-La," while we referred to China, Burma and India as the cesspool of civilization. We sweated it out and invented such slogans as "home alive in '45" while living for the day when we could return to "Uncle Sugar Able."

By Contrast

Yes, we hated every bloody, hot, muggy day of it, but we owe something to those countries and most of us have found that our average stay of two years over there changed our attitude toward life. Did it mature us a little? Perhaps. Did it teach us tolerance or patience? Probably not. But it did give us an opportunity to see for ourselves that this is the greatest country in the world.

We saw countries with an historical claim to a so-called culture and thin veneer of civilization long before America was discovered, yet we took "lorries" over there to ride while they still had rickshaws. Why? Because we aren't plagued with the suspicions of pagan religions and such hindrances to progress as the caste system. Here in "Ah-m-reeka" any kid selling newspapers on the street may some day be a state governor or even the President of this great home of free enterprise. "Chree-stuns" they called us. (Sometimes they added the word "dogs.")

Alertness A Must

This is truly the land of freedom and christianity, but our wonderful country today is threatened by those who would force upon us the ideologies of foreign lands where real freedom has never existed.

Even though we successfully resist their efforts in

the United States, we still may lose our way of life if we allow all other countries to be devoured by the greedy world-gangsters who even now are on the march. We can't stand forever as the lone bulwark of democracy; we must help others if we are to save ourselves.

We CBIers, of all Americans, should accept the responsibility of protecting our way of life here at home and of working to free the unfortunates abroad.

We know which way is best, so we are well qualified to tell others.

As we look forward to the joys of reunion with our buddies let us therefore take time out from the "Ding haos," the "Salaam Sahibs" and the swapping of friendly, happy fables to think of ways and means of doing our part to strengthen America, and to work for what need not necessarily be the utopian dream of a free world.

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If we do consider these problems, the CBIVA reunions can then become not only pleasant occasions, but times of patriotic effort. They can provide the opportunity for a great deal of enlightened unselfishness.

After all, freedom isn't really free. We have to work for it every day and who should have more incentive to work for freedom than those of us who saw the hell on earth that can

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Official Reunion Program

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10:30 a.m.
Election of National Officers.

12:00
Women's Auxiliary Luncheon, Grecian Room, Hotel Freeport.

12:00
WFRL Quiz Program.

2 p.m.
CBI Parade ending at Court House Square.

3 p.m.
CBI Veterans Memorial Service, Court House Square. Firing Squad by VFW.

6:30 p.m.
Reunion Banquet, Masonic Temple Ballroom.

Toastmaster, Ellsworth Green, Jr.

Invocation: Rev. Landwere.

Remarks by National Commander.

Installation of New Officers.

Introduction of Distinguished Guests.

Guest Speaker: Hon. Val Peterson, Governor of Nebraska (Tentative.)

9:30 p.m.
Reunion Ball, Freeport Country Club, Dancing and Entertainment.

SUNDAY, AUG. 14
Individual Sunday Devotions at Local Churches.

10:00 a.m.
Installation of New National Officers.

Church choirs, choral groups and concert programs add to Freeport's cultural side.

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The 1949 Reunion owes a large measure of sincere thanks and appreciation to the men and women comprising the convention committees, whose unstinting work and cooperation make this an event of outstanding enjoyment.



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Convention Chairman

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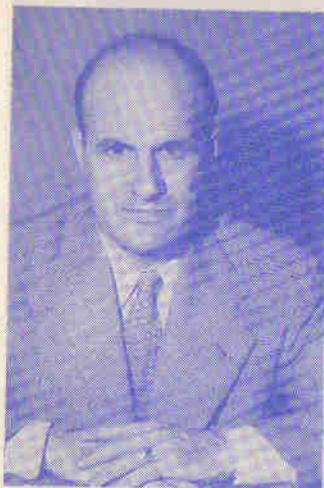
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RALPH HAACK,
Freeport Basha

Welcome to Freeport!

All CBI Veterans . . .



MAYOR KUNKLE

It is my pleasant privilege and opportunity to welcome, on behalf of the citizens of Freeport, your Second Annual CBI Reunion to be held in Freeport August 12, 13, and 14.

We are proud to be chosen as the host city for your Reunion and sincerely hope that our hospitality will be such that you will want to visit Freeport again.

We extend to you our sincere wishes for a successful Reunion and hope you will feel free to call on us for any assistance that we can render you to make your stay more enjoyable.

Sincerely,
GLEN F. KUNKLE
Mayor



The Freeport Chamber of Commerce extends to all of you a sincere welcome. We are pleased that you chose Freeport for your second annual convention. We welcome opportunities to be of service to you during your stay with us. We hope it will be a most enjoyable one for you.

You served your country well and with much sacrifice when the need was great. May you meet many of your friends during the reunion and may your meeting here also be the occasion to make new and lasting friendships.

You are welcome in Freeport.

Sincerely yours,
M. S. ENGELBRECHT
Manager
Freeport Chamber of Commerce

The CBI and US!

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come when there is no real freedom.

It is our God-given opportunity and responsibility, sahibs! I am sure that we are equal to the challenge and everything will be Teak Hall!

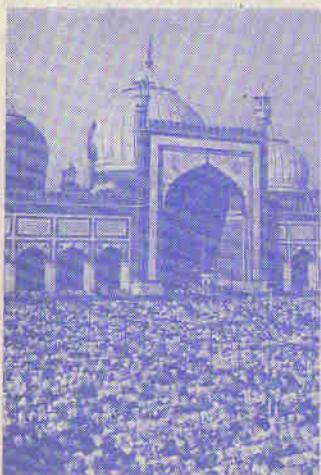
THIS IS AN UNUSUAL CASE

(From CBI Roundup—Nov. 2, '44)

"This is an unusual case. This is a repatriate who goes AWOL rather than go home," says the MP report on a 10th Air Force private, who recently turned up at the Port of Embarkation.

Leaving Assam on Sept. 9 on orders to go home, he took off for Calcutta instead to see the girl he plans to marry after the war. He finally arrived at the POE on Oct. 12, where he said he had no Stateside ties, didn't want to go back.

After weighing the chances of being stationed in the jungle again, however, he reconsidered and shipped for Shangri-La.



MOSQUE AT New Delhi, showing portion of mass of 20,000 worshippers. This temple is said to be the largest in the Orient. Photo by J. M. Deshotels.

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Reunion, Jr. Grade

• ... an ex-CBI man myself, having spent 2½ years there. Among my friends are many who were in CBI and we have been getting together once or twice a year for a reunion, mainly with Chinese dinner on the menu. We formed a rough organization, just among about 20 of us. This was before we knew of the recent convention and new association.

EDWIN OWYANG, M.D.
San Francisco, Calif.

Interested in Assn.

• Am interested in the National CBI Veterans Association. I was a Flight Surgeon first with Hq. in Delhi and Hasting Mills, then transferred to the 52nd Air Service Gp., then to the 80th Ftr. Gp.

W. R. MARVEL, M.D.
Weldon, Ill.

Rupee Wallah

• Seems that it was yester-

day when I was a rupee wallah at Colonel Hendricks' "Local Temple of Finance" at Ledo. I paid out my last rupee as cashier of said office Sept. 9, 1945.

V. D. PRELLE,
Alameda, Calif.

Seeks APO Officer

• Am looking for the address of John J. Ratchford. He was my Postal Officer at APO 214 and I'd like to get in touch with him.

Sgt. H. W. MENSING,
Hq. & Hq. Sq., 4th
AB Gp., Andrews AF
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Back at RKO

• Am back at RKO Radio Pictures with Frank Pratt, Art Dixon, Stan Tishler and Art Say, all former CBI photo wallahs. Was formerly Photo Officer, CBI and IB theaters.

JOHN O. AALBERG,
Hollywood, Calif.

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EVERYONE ENJOYS THE ROUNDUP!



Yes, we've been told many, many times that entire Families of CBI Veterans read and enjoy the contents of each issue of The Roundup.

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THE MARS TASK FORCE

A Picture Story—by John Randolph

(Editor's Note: Pictures on these and the following pages were selected from a collection owned by John Randolph, who served in the 124th Cavalry with the Mars Task Force. After they were selected, they were returned to John and he was asked to tell us what they were all about. He complained a little about the selection, but came through with the following commentary. Some of these pictures are among the 224 which are reproduced in his book, *MARSMEN IN BURMA*, which is a complete narrative history of the Mars Task Force. He reports that a few copies are still available—\$6.50 each, postpaid from John Randolph, PO Box 6507, Houston 5, Texas.)

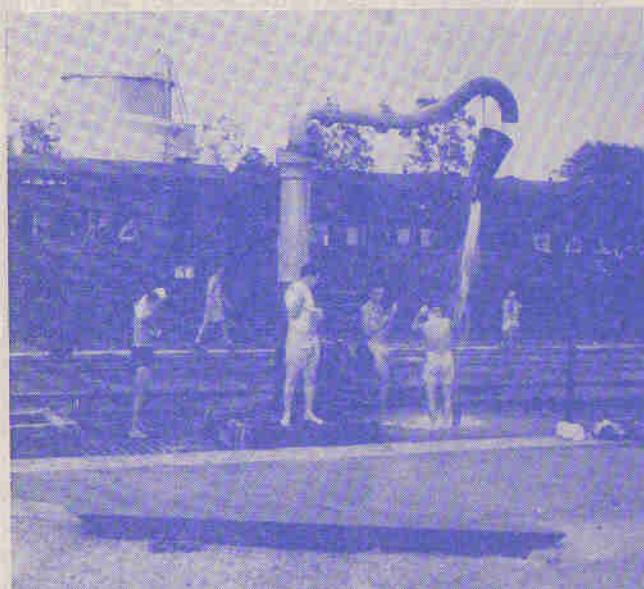
THE MEN OF THE 124TH CAVALRY, perhaps like many others who went, via India, into Burma, found it hard to stomach living on a slow train that crossed that vast country. The slow train through Arkansas, they decided, was a fast limited by comparison. The native scenery was at least, unusual—but there was nothing pleasant about the roaches and vermin that traveled with them.



This picture was taken enroute from Bombay to Camp Ramgarh, near Ranchi. The men soon learned that stops made for no apparent reason could last indefinitely, and sometimes gave an opportunity for a bath from a train watering tower.

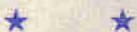


AFTER RAMGARH, it was more train rides, a boat ride and a plane ride to Myitkyina, where the valiant Merrill's Marauders had come to the end of their road. The bottom picture is one of an almost endless line of men that stacked aboard the SS Duffia for a very unpleasant cruise up the Brahmaputra River.





When the time had come, and there was a fair degree of readiness, DOWN THE LEDO ROAD (Pick's Pike or Stilwell Road if you prefer) went the Marsmen. Single file. The engineers had gone behind the Japs to build the road and lay the bridges, and until they passed them, the Marsmen could use the result of their handiwork.

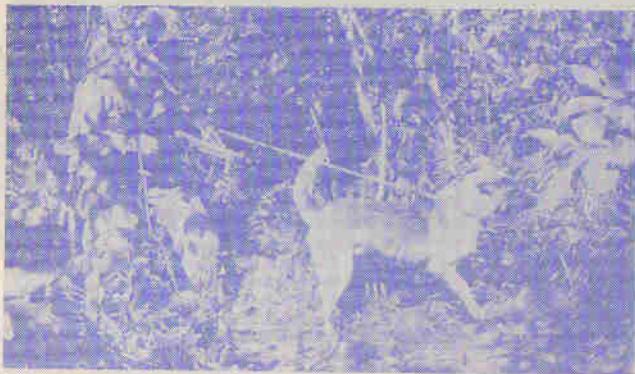


BUT NATIVE TRAILS soon took the place of the new, dusty road. The trails widened through little villages such as the one shown here.



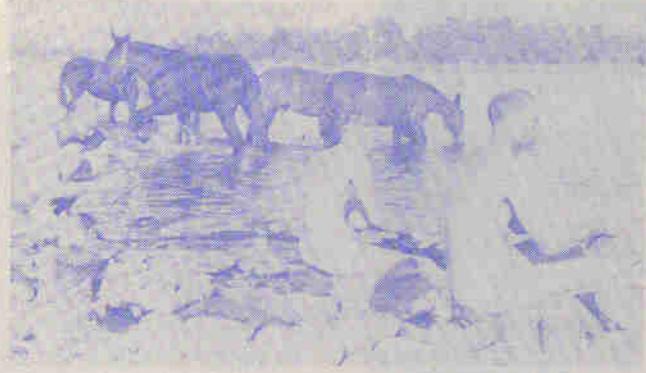
NATIVES SAW MORE white men than they had seen before—or since, and offered chickens, alive, in handy carrying baskets for a pittance in rupees. But the GIs did not see enough chickens, and some who did see them were too tired to add them to their already heavy pack loads.

CAMP LANDIS, OUTSIDE MYITKYINA, was where the Mars Task Force took shape. Battle weary Marauders met green infantrymen, long garrisoned cavalrymen, fresh field artillerymen, pack troopers, GI mules, Nisei interpreters, Chinese troops, native scouts, war dogs to form a combat team. The war dogs trained on the scent of prisoners, but were the only ones who did not prove effective in combat.



THE COOL IRRAWADDY
River was laundry, bath tub
and mule dip.

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IT WAS AT CAMP Landis that the Japs insulted the Mars Task Force, much to the satisfaction of the Marsmen, by flying low over the camp with uncomfortable regularity but holding their bombs until they got over the Myitkyina air strip.

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THE SHWELI RIVER, where the Marsmen crossed, was deep between mountain ranges. Chinese had crossed before us, and a bridge of sorts had been built on mostly bamboo pontoons.

A reinforcing job was needed to support our GI mules, and even then a few were lost in the swift river. An off-season rain did not help. On the other side, the weather kept away planes which were past due to drop food.



NOT A MILE FROM the far side of the Shweli was a swift tributary—with no bridge. A log made a foot bridge for the men, whose pack mules were forced to wade, being guided by a pleasant detail which formed a line to keep the mules going — keep them from stopping to drink and holding up the party — keep them from stopping to roll in the water and mess up a load.

THOSE BREAKS on a dry trail never lasted long enough—sometimes not long enough for the men to get off their feet.



FOR THIS PAGE, ye editor did not cooperate very well. There were really a few pictures that gave an idea of combat. But very few. The Signal Corps photographers had had their fill with Merrill's Marauders or for other reasons were not there at the right time. Nor was yours truly! Nor were many GI cameras in the outfit busy when guns were firing.

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BUT THE CENTER PICTURE, which might have been taken at a training camp stateside, was taken where there was plenty of action. The top picture shows that the first aid men would take time out to help a hurt native, and the bottom picture shows the stark reality of a wounded soldier being carried from the front line aid station to the hospital which was behind a mountain, between the front lines and the artillery positions.

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NATIVES WERE FOUND to be better stretcher carriers than GIs. Puny looking little fellows, they had leg muscles that would not quit and they usually showed a unique ability to handle a patient with a minimum of jostling.

The 475th Infantry had seen nearly a week of action at Tonkwa, enroute to the Burma Road. At the Road, the entire unit saw action for 21 days.

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JAP RETREAT DOWN THE BURMA ROAD was largely limited to night movement, and Mass artillery made it as uncomfortable as they could. Here was evidence of success, and a reconnaissance party goes out, wary of traps, to check up.

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BELOW IS A SCENE of a 475th unit at Tonkwa. There were no atheists, and many a man who slept in stateside barracks on Sunday morning sat on the hard ground under a hot sun and listened to church services in Burma.





ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-TWO men were killed in action or died of wounds. Those who died at the front were given the best attention possible. Their bodies were wrapped in new blankets, which were in turn covered with heavy white parachutes that had been used to drop supplies. Graveyards, located on the quiet side of hills, were clean and neat,

and decorated with stones found nearby. Markers and fences were made of bamboo. Individual services, and later, memorial services were held at the cemetery of each unit. When the Marsmen went south on the Burma Road, arrangements were made with native chieftains for the care of the cemeteries until the bodies would be removed later to central and more permanent cemeteries.

THE SCENE BELOW SHOWS a memorial service on a hillside overlooking the Hosi Valley, through which sauntered the clear, cool Nam Maw River. The valley, covered with a solid design of rice paddies, separated the mountains on which the artillery was located, from the mountains on which most of the action took place, and provided space for the air drop of supplies and for the little L-planes to come in for the evacuation of the wounded.



WHEN THE JAPS HAD gone, and the Marsmen who had chased them away had gone, the natives came out of the hills to their homes.

Some entire villages had been burned out. There was little in a "home" in the average village to ransack, because the homes were no more than a thatched roof over a wooden frame on stilts. Built high, they said, to keep out the wild animals.

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BUT EVERY SIZEABLE village had at least one temple filled to overflowing with statuary. Some beautiful. Some grotesque. Some stone. Some looked like plaster of paris. The temples had been ravaged as only a hating enemy could do it—one who had no respect for another's religion. GI souvenir hunters did not help the situation in the least.

It made for interesting sightseeing for the Marsmen who had the energy to walk from bivouac areas south on the Burma Road toward Lashio, and gave a setting for pictures for the few fortunates who had cameras and film.

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The natives liked the Americans, who preferred to barter or buy rather than to steal. Below, an attempt at barter that did not work. Perhaps the wise old native was considering the effect of the short stem on the long beard. This picture, taken by the Signal Corps, made Yank Magazine. Castleberry is the name of the gent on the left.

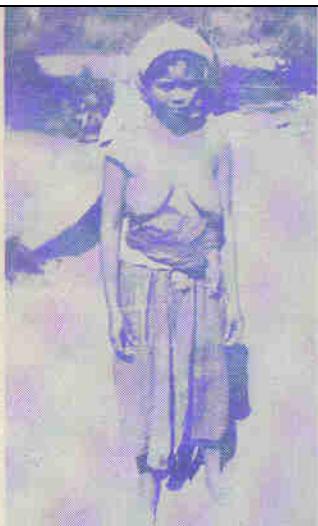


NATIVES COME HOME

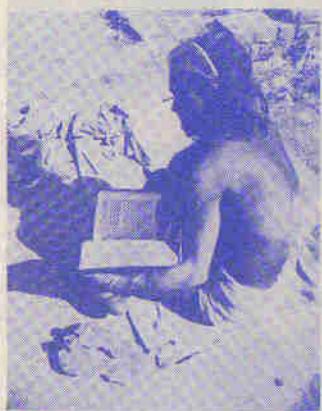


WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?

Many requests have been received by this department to make the "ROUNDUP" a monthly publication. If a current survey shows a majority opinion, plans for converting Ex-CBI Roundup to a monthly will get underway around the first of the year, increasing subscription cost to approximately \$3.00 per annum. Let us know how you feel about it. Send in a penny postal without delay.—Editors.



NATIVE INDIAN girl.
Photo by Stanley F. Noll.



HINDU HOLY MAN relaxes by reading the Holy Scriptures. Photo by John Gaila.



GIGANTIC "FILL" on the Ledo Road shows the ingenuity of our engineers in allowing for monsoon drainage which would otherwise wash the road away.
Photo by J. M. Deshotels.

I sincerely regret that absence from the country will prevent me from attending the Second National Reunion of the China-Burma-India Veterans Association. As an old "China Hand" I would relish the opportunity to exchange reminiscences, and to meet with many of you whom I have not had the good fortune to see since the old days.

Please accept my best wishes for a pleasant and interesting get-together.

Sincerely,
GEORGE E. STRATEMEYER
Lieutenant General, U. S. Air Force
Commanding

FROM THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF THE CHINA-BURMA-INDIA VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE II. AIM, BUSINESS AND PURPOSE:

The aims, business and purposes of this organization are as follows:

1. To faithfully serve our country in peace as we did in war.
2. To promote a feeling of fellowship by renewing old acquaintanceships and making new friends among those who have a common bond, by reason of their mutual services in or with the Armed Services of the United States of America, in the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations in World War II.
3. To preserve the recollections, comradeships and experiences of American soldiers in the Orient.
4. To pay tribute to and preserve the memory of those of our buddies who gave their lives in defense of their country.
5. To maintain a proper standard of dignity and honor among all Veterans of World War II.
6. To better acquaint all Americans with the situations and problems of the Far East.
7. To combat all subversive activities and political "isms" but Americanism.
8. To maintain and operate clubs, clubrooms, employment bureaus and information centers.
9. To establish, organize and regulate local branches or bashas throughout the United States, its territories and possessions.
10. To raise funds for all purposes of the Association by fees from members and social events, and as to other ways and means as the corporation shall determine, and to do all such other lawful acts and things relative or incidental to said objects, as may be found necessary or expedient.
11. To create a program of social and athletic activities of various kinds for its members and guests.
12. To hold and participate in national, district and statewide meetings for the furtherance of the aims and purposes herein enumerated.
13. To make, contract, purchase, lease, hold and acquire any real and personal property necessary for the purposes of the corporation.
14. It is a declaration of policy that while this group will cooperate with other veteran organizations, it hereby asserts and affirms its policy of remaining a social and non-political entity, and of retaining its original character as herein established and must never merge with any political group or organization.
15. To do all other things necessary and proper to carry out the purposes hereinbefore mentioned.



TEMPLE GOD with extravagant ornament work. To duplicate this setting would cost more than \$100,000. Photo by Gala.

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CONVERSATION PIECE

The following poem, written by Sgt. Smith Dawless of Los Angeles, Calif., first appeared in the CBI Roundup and was later acclaimed as one of the best pieces to come out of the war. We reprint it here in the hope that it will bring back memories of the old India-Burma theater.

(From the LAST ROUNDUP, April 11, 1946)

IS THE GATEWAY TO INDIA AT BOMBAY REALLY AS BEAUTIFUL AS THEY SAY?

Don't rightly know, Ma'am. Did my part
Breaking point in the jungle's heart;
Blasted the boulders, felled the trees,
With Red muck oozing around our knees.
Carved the gnis from the Patkai's side,
Dozed our trace, made it clean and wide.
Metalled and graded, dug and filled:
We had the Ledo Road to build.

WELL, SURELY YOU SAW A BURNING GHAT, FAKIRS, ROPE-TRICKS AND ALL OF THAT?

Reckon I didn't. But way up ahead
I tended the wounded, buried the dead
For I was a Medic, and little we knew
But the smell of sickness all day through
Mosquitoes, leeches, and thick dark mud
Where the Chinese spilled their blood.
After the enemy guns were stilled:
We had the Ledo Road to build.

OF COURSE YOU FOUND THE TAJ MAHAL THE LOVELIEST BUILDING OF THEM ALL,

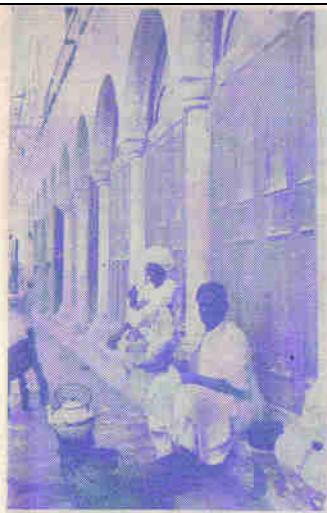
Can't really say, lady. I was stuck
Far beyond Shing with a QM truck.
Monsoon was rugged there, hot and wet,
Nothing to do but work and sweat.
And dry was the dust upon my mouth
As steadily big "cats" roared on south.
Over the ground where Japs lay killed:
We had the Ledo Road to build.

YOU'VE BEEN GONE TWO YEARS THIS SPRING, DIDN'T YOU SEE A SINGLE THING?

Never saw much but the moon shine on
A Burmese temple around Maingkwan,
And silver transporis high in the sky,
Thursday River and the swift Tanai,
And Hukawng Valley coming all green.
Those are the only sights I've seen.
Did our job, though, like God willed:
We had the Ledo Road to build.

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ROLLING LOGS aboard flat cars at a jungle station in Burma.

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REMARKABLE FEAT of engineering in a remote outpost is this U. S. pontoon bridge across the Irrawaddy River in Burma. Photo by Stanley F. Noll.



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Heard From Buddies

• Am enjoying the Ex-CBI Roundup immensely. Have already heard from several old buddies of the CBI. When you make it a monthly, be sure to count me in.

HUGH M. MARTIN,
Columbia, S.C.

Visits Buddies

• After leaving my job with Western Electric, I managed to fulfill one of my ambitions—to visit as many of my former buddies of the 1111th Signal Co. as possible. Starting in July, 1948, I covered 23 states, about 7,000 miles in 17 days . . . Wonderful to see the men again and the hospitality accorded me was beyond imagination.

STEPHEN A. KALISTA,
Coaldale, Pa.

Local CBIVA Unit

• Was surprised to find there is a CBI Veterans Association in existence. Can you tell me if there are any local units in Detroit?

PERRY SCHWARTZ,
Detroit, Mich.

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(From CBI Roundup—Nov. 23, 1944)

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INDIAN AND WIFE at New Delhi. According to their religion, no portion of the wife's body must be uncovered. How she survives the unbearable heat is amazing. Photo by John Gala.

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AN INDIAN HOME of distinction at Bangalore, India. The number of minarets on a building is usually an indication of the wealth of the owner. The owner of the above mansion is undoubtedly in a higher income tax bracket. Photo by Curtis Perry.



NO CBI MAN who ever occasioned a visit to Calcutta failed to dine at Firpo's, reputed internationally to be the finest restaurant in India. Sign at lower left reads: "Let's Go to Firpo's." Photo by R. C. Konen.

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To the Editor

—Continued—

Finds 'Old Boss'

• Was a member of Hq. NCAC from Nov. '43 to Aug. '45. After relief from active duty in Nov. '45 I enlisted as a M-Sgt. and put in two years with the Senior Army Instructor of the Illinois National Guard. To my surprise I ran into my old boss as NCAC, General Smykal. Since then I've gone back on active duty with my wartime rank and am now with Recruiting in Chicago. Hope to see all the gang at the convention at Freeport.

Capt. ELLIS H. LYNN,
Chicago, Ill.

R. C. Camera Club

• I spent six months in Calcutta and 18 months in New Delhi with the 835th Sig. Sv. Bn. While in Delhi I was a member of the Red Cross Camera Club and would like to hear from any former members of that organization.

EVERETT BERGMAN,
642 St. Joseph,
Dayton 10, Ohio
*So would we—if they
took any good pictures.—
ED.*

Sorry For Whom?

• My first association with men of the CBI was when

I was a new member of the "Fireball Express," the air route to Karachi through South America and Africa. I always felt sorry for the men we carried over and then left till one day I found myself on the "General Hayes" enroute to Calcutta. Based at Mohanbari, Chabua and Barrackpore, I made 80 trips over the "rock pile" as a flight clerk.

BILL NOBLE,
Royal Oak, Mich.

Lost Buddy

• I would like very much to get in contact with Woodrow Lowe who was a Sgt.-Major while in India.

JIM PSENCIK,
1510 E. Warren,
Victoria, Texas

• I was rather surprised to learn that we have a native of India living almost a neighbor to me in Badger village. I have met several fellows who were stationed in India but haven't been lucky enough to see someone of our outfit.

GEORGE MELLENTHIN,
Prairie Du Lac, Wis.

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This special REUNION issue combines the 1949 convention edition with the regular September number. Subscribers will receive their next Ex-CBI ROUNDUP in December.

THE TOUGHEST OF THEM ALL

Three friends were sitting around a bar,
Each one smoking a black cigar,
Each one guzzling down a beer,
Each one's eyes were filled with fear,
Each one had decided to go to war
To keep the Japs from his back door,
But each by some unearthly chance
Had joined a different branch.

The Marine rose on unsteady feet,
His eyes were filled with most conceit,
"When the war's over we'll all meet again
And I'll tell you stories of real fighting men,"
The Sailor said, "You'll learn
When you hear me upon my return,"
The Soldier didn't say a word,
And looked as though he hadn't heard,
"I'll neither brag nor boast, my men,
Until I'm sure I'm home again."

They made a farewell bet,
One that they never would forget,
The one whose story was the best,
The beers paid for by the rest,
The war was over and they came back,
Drinking beer in the same old shack.

The marine with ribbons on his chest
Rose to his feet before the rest,
"I saw action in the South Seas,
I shot Japs right out of the trees;
Downed them like a bunch of fleas,
Now beat that, if you please."

The Sailor arose with a great big smile
And laughed at the Marine for quite a while,
"Friends, I really saw the fight,
In Italy, England and the Reich,
I killed Germans to my delight,
But you would lose your appetite
If I told you of my every fight."

The Soldier didn't say a word,
And looked as though he hadn't heard,
Then he hit the bar with an awful slam,
And said, "I was in Assam!"
The Marine jumped up, and the Sailor, too,
"Brother, we owe the drinks to you!"
For each had heard and knew too well,
There sat a man returned from Hell.

(Thanks to John L. Christie, Jacksonville, Fla.)

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If you ever served in the C B I you owe it to yourself to read

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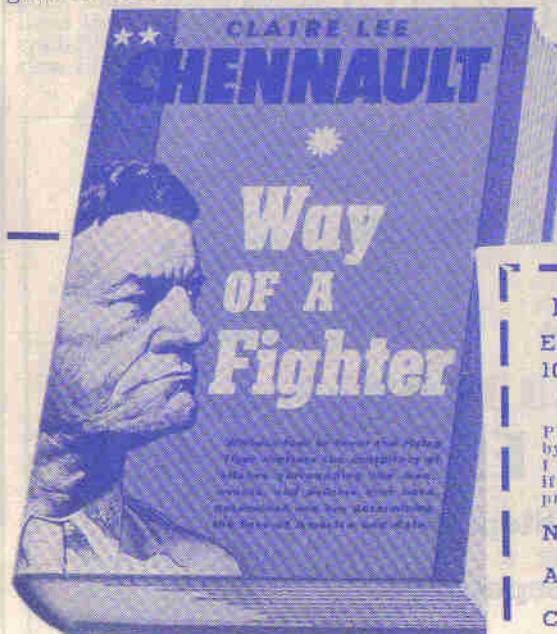
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Capt. THOMAS MORRIS,
Baltimore, Md.

BODY RETURNED

The body of Capt. James B. Charville, who was killed in a plane crash at Kunming, China, Nov. 19, 1943, was returned to Denver for re-burial last month.

At the time of his death, he was a pilot for the China National Airways Corporation (CNAC), flying "The Hump" from India to China. During the war he was first employed by Douglas Aircraft in Egypt and Iran, and later by the Chinese airline.

Still Working on the R. R.

- I was a locomotive engineer with the 745th Railway Operating Bn. which

was stationed at Marinni, Assam. My numerous runs took me over 111 miles of the Bengal & Assam Railway from Marinni southward to Lumding, except for occasional trips over a 23-mile branch line through Jorhat to Neamati Ghat on the Brahmaputra River. Many of the boys passing through the Assam Valley either on their way to Ledo, or to Calcutta, by rail may well remember catching the "Military Special" (111 up or 112 down). I worked in regular pool on these runs for the last three months that I was in Assam. Am now a fireman on the McCloud River Railroad.

RAYMOND PILTZ,
McCloud, Calif.

Margaret Bourke-White's two trips to India and Pakistan, to gather material and take pictures for "Halfway to Freedom" served to amplify her already distinguished and unique record of having taken her camera over most of the globe.

Myitkyina Campaign

● Ah, Myitkyina! What memories of the "Strip" your June issue brings to me. Seems as though every paper or magazine I read I see the names of Omaha, Normandy, Tarawa, Okinawa, ETO, etc., etc., but never a mention of Burma, Irrawaddy, Lashio. Let's get on the ball and let the people of this country know we had a war over there. The CBI vets would appreciate a write-up on the Myitkyina Campaign. . . . You sure have a swell magazine. Keep up the good work. Would like to hear from 1109 Engr. vets.

JOHN L. CHRISTI,
201 S. Ave.,
Hot Spgs., Ark.

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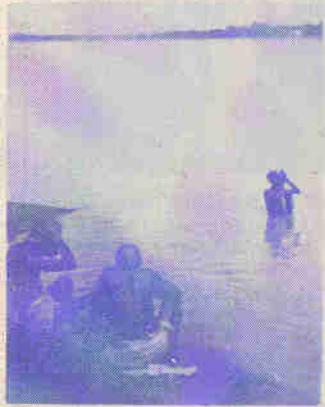
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MARVIN OLSEN of Milwaukee, Wis., (right) poses with bearer beside leopard shot in Upper Assam in 1944.



HINDU PRAYING in the Hooghly River at Serampore, India. The Hindus believe that bathing in a Sacred River washes away all sins. Photo by John F. Gala

To the Editor

—Continued—

Don't Miss!

• . . Inclosed is my buck for renewal. Don't let it ever miss me! Make The Roundup a monthly magazine! A special "Salaam" to all past members of the 96th Field Hospital. A letter, if you have time, gang.

TED W. CALKINS,
Troy, Pa.

• I would like to know whether or not there are any fellows of the 95th or 96th Field Hospital that are taking The Roundup? I see very little about such places as Nanning and Liuchow, although I know there weren't too many there.

C. P. COOPER,
Forsyth, Mo.

As you say, there weren't too many stationed at Nanning and Liuchow. But we have at least 25 subscribers from the 95th and 96th. We'll bet you hear from some of your buddies who see your letter.—ED.

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THE STRENGTH of India's skinny natives has amazed many a GI "tourist." The above coolie lifts a huge crate which may be carried 100 feet or half-a-mile, depending upon the wishes of his employer. Photo taken at Mani-Tal, a British Hill Station near the Renikhet Rest Camp. Photo by John F. Gala.

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It's Life, tho.

● I wish to protest the publishing of the photo on page 2 of the June Roundup. Surely this picture cannot be termed anything but obscene and is certainly not typical of the scenery in India. . . . What is the girl holding in her hand?

ANN RONSIK,
New York, N.Y.

In her right hand is a five-rupee note which she received as baksheesh for posing for the photo.—ED.

Striped Leopard?

● On page 5 of the June issue The Roundup captioned a picture as being a tiger skin shot at Ondal, India. The skin is that of a leopard, not a tiger. Don't you know a tiger when you see one?

MORRIS COHEN,
Newark, N.J.

You're right, it's a leopard. Someone had better inform the fellows who shot it!—ED.

Two of a Kind?

● You show a photo of a fort on the top of page 20 of the June issue of which you state it is a "section of the old fort at Agra." The picture is actually the old fort at New Delhi. I know because I was there.

KENNETH LINDHOLM,
St. Louis, Mo.

*It's the Old Fort at Agra.
We know because WE were there.—ED.*

Art Is Art. Regardless.

● I'll bet Don McMullen, who drew the cover picture for the June issue of Ex-CBI Roundup spent a lot of time in India to be able to do such a perfect job on the snake charmer.

BOYD AHLBERG,
Sheridan, Wyo.

Wrong. McMullen is not a CBI Veteran. He sketched the cover from subjects in four different photographs.—ED.



ORCHIDACEOUS JINX FALKENBURG, was elected sweetheart of the overseas CBI Roundup in 1944, for her comradarie and sincerity, as well as talent and beauty. Her unit, including Pat O'Brien and several other young entertainers, flew the Hump and traveled to many remote outposts not on their schedule to cheer fighting and wounded men. Jinx is currently appearing on radio and television with her husband Tex McCrary, in their own show.

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STREET SCENE in Calcutta, where sacred cows are given the right-of-way by the natives. Photo by John F. Gala.



THE WEST COAST Indian's substitute for a truck is this camel-drawn cart which is carrying rice through a Karachi street. Photo by Curtis Perry.



DEFINITELY ORIENTAL, yet slightly modernistic is this Municipal Office building at Karachi, India. Photo by Curtis Perry.

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Attention—S.O.S.!

• I am writing in hopes that through your magazine I may get in contact with men who served with my brother, former First Sergeant William F. Calder. He went overseas with the 317th Fighter Control Squadron—later transferred to the 92nd Fighter Squadron. It is a matter of great importance that I contact those who knew Sgt. Calder.

Mrs. ROBENA MacPEEK,
Pfohl Road,
Williamsville, N.Y.

Well, Seeing's, Believing!

• You should have little difficulty keeping supplied with pictures. Whatever else it may have been, the CBI was certainly the most photographed theater in the war.

R. C. KONEN,
Chicago, Ill.



BARBER WALLAH at work on a Calcutta street. Usual native charge for a shave is one anna (2 cents). Photo by John F. Gala.

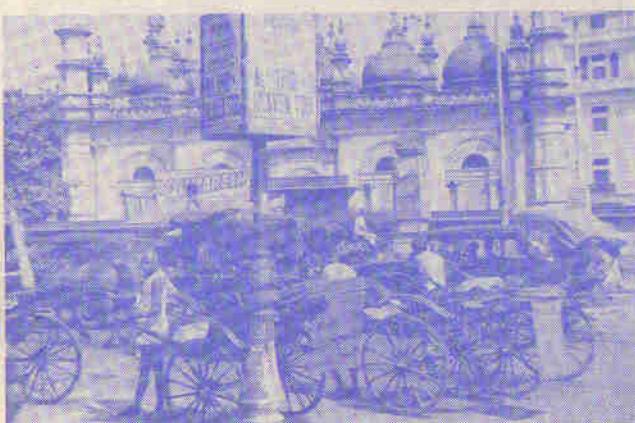
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MILEAGE SIGN on the Stilwell Road at Shingbwiyang, Burma. Deep drainage ditch helps during the Monsoon season. Photo by Stanley F. Noll.



BAKSHEESH, SAHIBS! This scene should be familiar to all GI's who traveled by train in India. The beggars line the railroad right-of-way thicker than telephone poles to solicit alms. Photo by John F. Gala.



RICKSHAWS, GHARRIES and automobiles rumble past the Moslem Mosque on Calcutta's Chowringhee Road. Photo by R. C. Konen.

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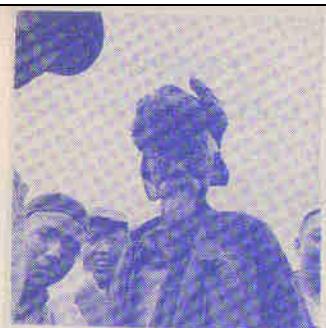
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Somebody Knows!

- Can you or any of your readers tell me where APO 220 was located in India or China?

Mrs. F. A. PEACOCK,
905 Riverview Dr.,
Kalamazoo 16, Mich.

We can't. Perhaps one of our readers who was stationed there will write you.—ED.

Touche!

● I see that the old argument about whether the "Brazil" or the "Katoomba" reached India first has started again (March and June issues). I think those guys on the Brazil must have thought us GI's that were at the pier the day they landed were a bunch of Limeys or Wogs. We were in the R-101 hangar before they even left Uncle Sugar. Even at that we weren't first, as some of Uncle Joe Stilwell's boys beat us by a couple of weeks.

BOB FRAZIER,
Duncan Falls, Ohio

We're For It!

- Are India-stationed GI's the only ones who took pictures in the CBI? I, for one, would like to see a few shots taken in China in future issue of The Roundup. How's about it?

JAMES R. BOLEN,
Portland, Ore.

Good deal! Send us the pictures and we'll use them!—ED.

- Who is "Michael" of the "Photo by Michael?" (June issue) The pics were very good.

JAMES V. POSSLEY,
Thorp, Wis.

Reed Michael of Denver. We couldn't remember his first name at the time the photos were used.—ED.

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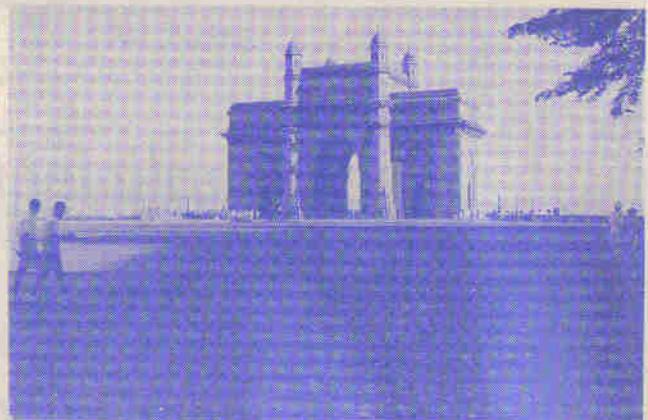
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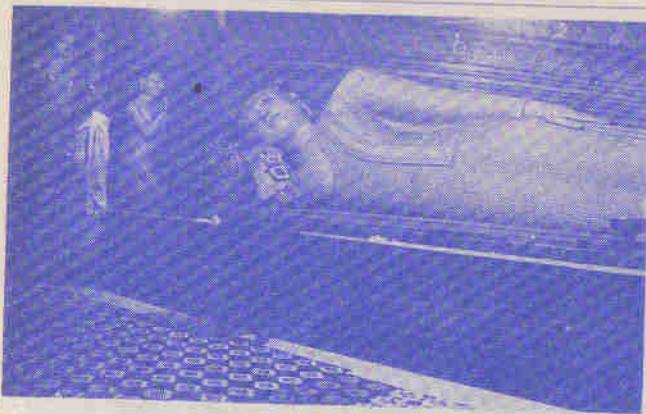
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THIS HUGE IDOL and smaller statues inside this cave-temple at Kandy, Ceylon, were carved out of the solid stone walls. Photo by J. M. Deshotels.

To the Editor

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Write Again, Soon.

• I bumped into one of my friends here in Chicago, and he handed me a copy of Ex-CBI Roundup and I had a big kick out of it. As a result I'd like to subscribe. I was one of the staff announcers on the Armed Forces Radio station in New Delhi, VU2ZY, from Dec. 1943 to Aug. 1945, and also cooperated with the CBI Roundup at Theater HQ. Would like to hear from some of the boys from Delhi.

GEORGE KAHN,
5135 S. Blackstone,
Chicago 15, Ill.

Very Much So!

• Just ran across your sample copy sent to me in May, 1947. Neglected to subscribe then but wish to do so now. Are you still in business?

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Members of Freeport Basha:

LEFT TO RIGHT FIRST ROW SEATED: Lloyd Bolt, Robert Seitz, Convention Chairman, Stan Seiner, Ralph Haack, Basha Commander.

LEFT TO RIGHT STANDING: Noel Hunt, Lester Reck, Ernest Brose, Orville Mattice, Elwyn Maines, Herbert Coon, Gordon Hunter, Dick Remmers.

MISSING: Karl Schleich, Glenn Schwarz, Bob Yde, Dick Randall, George Pritkin, Ralph Enstrom, Harlan Stuckey.

Photos Wanted

Most of the excellent photos published in The Roundup are loaned by its subscribers. Since The Roundup has changed its format to a "pictorial" magazine, we are seeking the best possible shots taken in CBI. All photos loaned will be returned within 30 days unless otherwise specified. Pictures should be unusual or interesting in composition, sufficient information accompanying for use in the captions. Write your name on the reverse side of all photos forwarded to insure their safe return to you.

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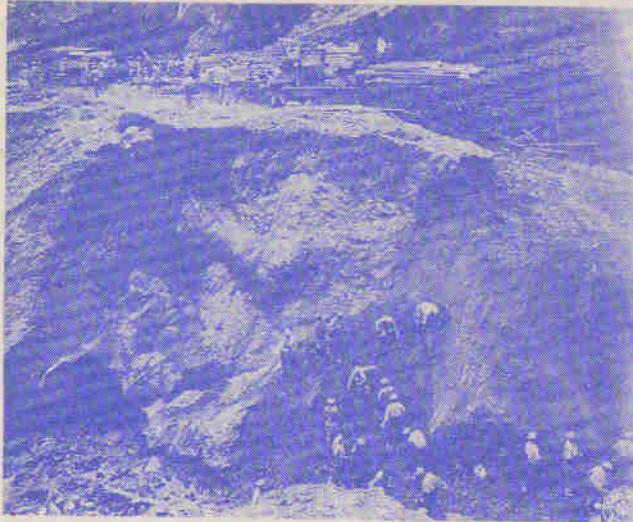
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LEPER VICTIM prepares to eat his lunch. Although the disease has half-destroyed his face, he is permitted to seek "Baksheesh" along the railway lines where troops are transported. Photo by Michael.

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HUGE WASHOUT on the Ledo Road occurred after an "unusually heavy" rain. These were the problems of the engineers whose job was to keep the road open to traffic. Photo by J. M. Deshotels.

First place for typographical excellence recently was awarded the Freeport Journal-Standard in a national competition for

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To the Editor . . .

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How About It?

• I am a collector of cloth and leatherette shoulder and jacket patches. Have about 1,000 different ones from all over the world. Now I'm stuck. Can't find any more. Can any of your readers help me out with some odd and different ones? Will answer all letters immediately.

Capt. ELLIS H. LYNN,
4032 Irving Park,
Chicago 41, Ill.

Anyway, Nostalgic.

• Have just received the June issue of Ex-CBI Roundup and am thoroughly nostalgic! Old pictures of Kashmir, shots in Assam and Agra revived many memories. I could almost smell some of the stalls in the Dibrugarh market for the Indians!

DOROTHY H. HUBBELL,
New York 22, N.Y.

That wasn't the Dibrugarh market you were smelling—it's this cheap grade of paper we're using!—ED.



MEN OF THE Mars Task Force on the trail in Burma gathered rations dropped from C-47's. Ten-in-One's shown here were a rare treat because the usual diet was "C" or "K" rations. Photo by John Randolph.

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CALCUTTA STREET SCENE, showing primitive forms of transportation and modernistic buildings along with the old. Photo by John Gala.



HUNDREDS OF VULTURES will consume this dead sacred cow, in a matter of minutes. The same disposal is frequently made of humans who die in the wilderness. Photo by John Gala.



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To the Editor . . .

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. . . But Confusin'.

• I would like to point out a slight mistake in the March issue. On page 8 you have APO 214 listed as being at Ledo. It is true that the Army Postal Unit was on DS to Ledo for some time, and shortly before we left, I used APO 214 so the Base Post Office would get to know about it. For a time I was the only one in the CBI using APO 214. On March 8, 1945, Harold Grow, Harry Dingus and yours truly left Ledo to set up APO 214 at Chittagong, India. Down there we met Lt. John J. Ratchford who was our Postal Officer. We opened up on March 20, 1945. . . . I am also quite sure there was an APO 219, and I know Lt. Minyard was in charge of the APO at Kandy, Ceylon, but I can't remember that number.

Sgt. H. MENSING,
Andrews AF Base,
Wash. 25, D.C.

Good News!

• Upon receipt of the first issue of my subscription to The Roundup I was overwhelmed by its compactness and the thorough coverage of all points of interest to Ex-CBI-ers.

JAMES E. TROTTER,
Clifton, N.J.

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A UNIT OF the 124th Cavalry in the Mars Task Force takes a 10-minute halt on a Burmese mountain top before literally sliding down a dangerous crossing of the Shweli River enroute to combat on the Burma Road. Photo by John Randolph.



A SECTION OF the Ledo Road, showing a convoy going toward Kunming. Photo taken near Shingbwiyang. Photo by J. M. Deshotels.

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GRUESOME, INDEED, but nevertheless a real part of life in the Naga Hills in Upper Assam, India, are these "trophies" of the Assam Head Hunters. The three heads above are the small children of an opposing tribe. The heads are shrunk to a size smaller than a grapefruit and proudly exhibited by the Head Hunters. Photo by J. M. Deshotels.

To the Editor . . .

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Our Objective Reached!

• The originators of The Roundup, and those carrying on are to be commended for the grand service they are performing. It brings back many memories — some good, some not so good.

SIDNEY RAPPAPORT,
Kansas City, Mo.

You're So Right!

• I took care of the wallah from Cambridge, Mass., who was looking for a poem, of which he could remember only the first line. The poem is "Conversation Piece," by Sgt. Smith Daws- less. You ought to publish it as it is remembered by many men. I consider it the finest thing ever written by a soldier in CBI as poetry.

BOYD SINCLAIR,
Austin, Texas.

Thank You!

• I feel The Roundup is doing all ex-CBI wallahs a great service and I feel this service becomes greater as the months roll by. Each issue renews memories otherwise crowded out by the great rush of trying to earn a living.

FRANK SCANNELL,
Cambridge, Mass.



THIS LEPER is in such pitiable shape he must be transported about in this small cart. Photo by John Gala.

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That's Our Aim!

● I just wrote to Mr. Pierce, manager of Haitiali T.E. Jokai Div., at Dikom, India, asking him to write a long letter telling me how the old air field and surrounding area looked. Imaginations can run away with a fellow. I visualize the place having "gone" back to jungle. Does your magazine manage to get info from the different stations (or cities) back in India and Pakistan? It'd be great to get first hand dope that would really tell us what cooks.

ED KOVACINY,
5730 Cornelia,
Chicago, Ill.

We're cooking up a deal now whereby a CBI veteran will return to India and Burma next fall to photograph the cities and former U.S. bases as they are today. These photos (if they are ever taken) will be published exclusively in *The Roundup*. —ED.

That's Reader Response!

● I am enclosing a copy of "Conversation Piece"—the poem which John Bunevich asked for in the June issue. He told me he received many copies and I imagine you will, too, so it will probably make a good conversation piece for the magazine.

RACHEL ANDREWS,
Providence, R.I.

Sleeps Hatless, Now

● . . . It's a splendid magazine and really brings back swell memories of my old 44th Service Group days in Assam. I recognized the main street in Shilling right away, as well as the idol near Tinsukia's station (June issue). Please rush my back issues as soon as possible. This Pith Helmet that I'm wearing to get in the mood as I peruse *The Roundup* is driving me nuts when I sleep, so hurry!! Jungle wallah,

JOHN A. GENTRY, Jr.,
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Until We Meet Again

By GENE BRAUER

It seems like only yesterday that we crowded the rails of our transport as she glided into Bombay harbor. At first, it seemed like we were entering into a fairy-land, but as the heat and sights and smells of the country wrapped themselves around, your dream turned into a nightmare.

Today, it all comes back to us as pleasant memories. How well we remember our ricksha ride down Chowringhee, the babbling voices of the naked and always begging urchins as they rambled through "Deep In the Heart of Texas," the musky odor of curry as it wafted into your jeep as you drove past a food shop, and the countless other experiences encountered.

Many of us would have welcomed the hub-hub of the city life. Instead, we lived as mountain hermits along the Stilwell Road with only a few buddies, the termites, snakes and mosquitoes for company. We had a job to do and we did it—with success.

Others of us crossed over Nature's iron curtain, the Himalaya mountains, and lived among the Nagas and Kachins in Jap-devastated Myitkyina. The Burma we saw was nothing like the beautiful land pictured by Kipling on the road to Mandalay.

Still others among us flew the remainder of the way across the hump into the rubbed countryside of China. Below us wound the Stilwell Road, a corkscrew of orange dirt gashed into the convolutions of the green mountain range.

We had always been led to believe that China was as far away from home as anyone could get and now we knew it was true. One memory that will always remain is the broad toothsome smile and the thumbs up "ding hao" of the people in every walk of life.

Then came the war's end and we departed for our homes in every nook and corner of the U. S. We made promises to our buddies that someday we would get together again for old time's sake.

Many of us have been able to fulfill this promise at the reunion. We hope the next will not be too far distant. Until that time we hope the memories of this meeting will live with you.

Till we meet again . . . "Salaam" . . . and "Ding Hao."

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